Pearl Buck is 80 on Monday

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pearl S .Buck, Nobel laureate, begins her 80th year Monday with optimism about her future as both a writer and foundation guiding force.

The author, who heads several organizations concerned with the welfare of children of mixed Asian-American parent-age, refuses to lay aside the pad on which she writes her manuscripts.

PEARL S. BUCK

Determined to continue a career which spawned 84 books, she comments in a voice which belies her age: "I'm always full of plans."

One recently completed project is a collection of stories entitled "Once Upon a Christmas." Shortly, another book culled from her Chinese background will appear in print, but she declined to elaborate, saying an announcement is forthcoming.

Among her accomplishments are a Pulitzer Prize in 1931 and a Nobel Prize for Literature in 1938,bot h for her masterpiece, "The Good Earth," a story detaling the rise to power of a Chinese peasant. She is the only woman ever to win the Nobel literature award.

Miss Buck spent her first 17 years in China with her missionary parents. She then came to this country but returned to China as a Presbyterian missionary in 1914 and remained there until 1935.

Besides her writings, she takes immmense pride and joy in two of her major vocations, the Pearl S. Buck Foundation and Welcome House.

The foundation will begin in August a new division which will arrange international adoptions for "Amerasians"—children born to American soldiers and foreign women.

"We now have offices in six countries and we're proceeding further with in-country adoptions," she explained.

Royalties from her books support the foundation, which she organized in 1964 and which operates in Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Okinawa and Vietnam.

Founded in 1949, Welcome House facilitates the placing of children with mixed racial backgrounds in adoptive homes. "It's going very well," Miss Buck remarked.

The elaborate birthday celebrations held in her honor were amenities she hadn't planned.

She attended a private dinner Saturday and the foundation will hold a large gala Sunday night at her home, Green Hills Farm, where between 600 and 700 people are expected.

News about people, places & things

The **TAMPA, FLA.,** Police Department says the majority of young men who apply for jobs have smoked marijuana but are not barred from getting employment unless it is a habit. Capt. Joe Diaz, acting head of the Personnel and Training Division, said Saturday: "Almost every serviceman coming back from Vietnam has smoked it (marijuana). "Probably 50 to 60 per cent of the men coming here last year have smoked pot . . . just because a guy has smoked marijuana once doesn't mean he should be washed out," Diaz said.

Charles Yost, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, arrived in **TEL AVIV** Saturday for a six-day visit as guest of the resort town of Natanya. Yost, a political science professor at Columbia University, spent last week in Egypt where he met President Anwar Sadat. It was not known if Yost would hold political meetings in Israel.

Japan and the Soviet Union, the world's two major deep sea whaling nations, plan a head-on showdown with the United States in whaling talks opening in **LONDON** Monday. With strong backing from **PRESIDENT NIXON,** the United States was one of the chief movers of the Stockholm environment conferences resolution calling on a 10-year suspension of whale hunting. Russel Train, head of the American delegation to the U.N. conference and chairman of the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality, will be in London for the talks as the president's personal observer. Japan, which did not vote for the resolution, and the Soviet Union, which boycotted the Stockholm parley, are determined to fight any international effort aimed at stopping whaling.

The government in **BUENOS AIRES** announced that an expanded ban on domestic beef sales will begin Monday, along with price ceilings on the cheaper cuts. Beef is a staple of the Argentine diet, but the government has been trying to reverse a negative trade balance by providing more beef for export. For the past 15 months, a ban on domestic beef sales has been invoked every other week. Now Argentines will be unrestricted only one week out of three.

Plutarco Guzman of Monterrey, Mexico, Saturday was elected president of Sertoma International as the group neared the end of a four-day convention in **DALLAS, TEX.** Other officers elected were Jerry Joiner of Alamogordo, N.M., president elect; C. Anthony Ricca of Durham, N.C., and Thomas R. Bruckman of Largo, Fla., vice presidents; Lee M. Machemer of Allentown, Pa., treasurer; and Dr. Fred G. McFail of St. Petersburg, Fla., chairman of the board of directors. The convention, which began Wednesday ended Saturday night. More than 1,000 delegates attended.

The anti-Marxist opposition claimed Saturday that **CHILE'S** leftist government now controls a major portion of the national economy. It said some wealthy Chileans are helping out by bowing to government pressures to sell their shares in private industry. "We are now a Socialist state," the conservative and independent newspaper El Mercurio said in attacking the policies of Marxist President Salvador Allende. In his program to "open the doors to socialism" in Chile, Allende earmarked 91 industries for state takeover several months ago.

Cuban Premier **FIDEL CASTRO** shot two chamois Saturday on a hunting expedition in the mountains of **PRAGUE** the Czechoslovak news agency CTK reported. Castro even made the rare gesture of doffing his traditional green fatigues in favor of a Czechoslovak forester's uniform, the agency reported. It said his accurate shots at the fleet-footed beasts on a misty day revealed an experienced marksman. Czechoslovak Communist party chief Gustav Husak and Premier Lubomir Strougal joined Castro at his mountain retreat CTK added. It did not say whether they also joined him on the hunt.

FIVE American scientists left **WASHINGTON** for **MOSCOW** Saturday to exchange information on drug treatments for cancer with leading Soviet scientists, the National Cancer Institute said. The team of government and non-government researchers is headed by Dr. C. Gordon Zubrod, scientific director for chemotherapy at NCI. The exchange is part of a U.S.-U.S.S.R. health agreement to share results from cancer, heart disease and environmental studies, as announced by the Nixon administration and the Soviet minister of health in February.

The senior narcotics adviser in **HONG KONG** to the U.S. secretary of state said Saturday **SOUTHEAST ASIA** may become the main souce of heroin for traffickers supplying the United States when Turkish supplies of opium dry up soon.

Phone 'phreaks' like to keep in touch

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Telephone "phreaks," as they call themselves, like to keep tabs on each other—especially when one is arrested for wire fraud.

That's why The Associated Press offices here has received several calls from a young man who wanted to find out about a fellow "phreak" named Rudolph R. Loew, a 19-year-old University of Oklahoma electrical engineering student.

Loew was indicted recently by a federal grand jury in Oklahoma City and arrested by the FBI on charges of making calls in a manner to avoid telephone billing devices.

Loew has pleaded guilty to four counts of fraud by wire and a U.S. district court judge has called for a report by probation officers before passing sentence.

The anonymous caller says he was talking with Loew when their conversation was interrupted by FBI agents arresting Loew.

The caller, who first said he was phoning from Memphis, Tenn., said he was a "phone phreak" and talked at length about the use of so-called "blue boxes"—electronic devices which permit toll free long distance calls.

In fact, the caller said he was using a "blue box" to make his long distance call to The AP.

Like Loew, the unidentified caller said he was a college student majoring in electrical engineering. He had become interested in "phone phreaking" after he read an article about it in Esquire magazine.

He said he had been making free calls for about six months on a device he built for $60 because it is "a lot of fun."

"I just do it because it is interesting," he said. "Occasionally when I find something goofed up, I call up and make repair calls."

To prove he was using a "blue box" to make the call to The AP, the caller volunteered to give an example of what he could do. He put on what appeared to be an overseas display to verify his authenticity.

In a phone conversation with The AP, he offered to make a call through a switchboard in England and have the operator there check to see if The AP phone was in operation.

Because of what he attributed to a change in the European numbering for overseas calls, the "phone phreak" apparently routed the call through a switchboard in Paris.

When he attempted to call the overseas operator onto the circuit, he was cut off by what sounded like a New York operator. She identified herself as the New York overseas operator and apologized to The AP for having interrupted the Paris call.

If it was a hoax the young man went to a lot of trouble and expense to route the call through a European switchboard.

Asked if he thought "phone phreaking" was worth the risk involved, the caller said, "I try not to take a heck of a lot of risk. The guy in Oklahoma City took a good deal of risk. He did some things that would point the finger at him."

But, all things considered the young man said, "It is worth the risk and is pretty interesting. As far as the monetary thing goes—I still place the same number of Bell calls as I did before."

He estimates there are about 5,000 people in the United States who have "blue boxes." But of this 5,000 he said only about 30 "know the first thing about routing codes."

He included himself in the 30.

Using his $60 "blue box," the young man said all he had to do was go to a pay telephone and "whistle up" the desired long distance number.

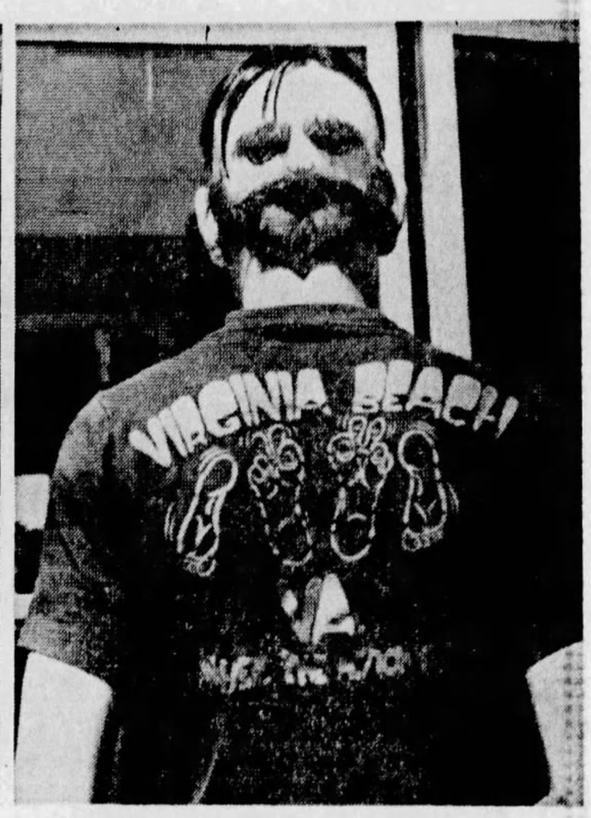
He described the device as being "in volume about 2½ times the size of a pack of the 100-sized cigarettes."

The caller spoke of various frequencies used in long distance dialing and of how calls can be made. The information he uses to make the more difficult calls, he says, is not idfficult to get.

"Overseas calls are pretty easy to make. All you have to do is call up a sender," he said. "A sender," he explained, "is a thing within the country that is designed to accept multifrequency signals for overseas calls."

The telephone company shouldn't prosecute the "phone phreaks," he said, "the phone company should hire them.

"With their help, it wouldn't take a heck of a lot of time to clean up the whole system and the entire network would no longer be vulnerable to fraud.



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ATTENTION GETTER — Baker, Calif. — A possible claimant to the world's most unusual haircut is Walter Cline of Baker, Calif., who looks like a short-haired youth until he turns around. Asked why he had the back of his head trimmed to resemble a man's face he said: "If you live in the desert you have to do something to get attention."

Phone call leads to hectic events

By CHARLES ROBINSON
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PERU, Ind. (AP) — Tom Harrison called the police this morning. His wife and all his neighbors may never get over what happened next.

Within five minutes, an assortment of Indiana State Police, sheriff's officers, city police and maybe an FBI man or two roared into normally quiet Rosewood Drive and jumped from their cars with pistols and shotguns drawn.

They were followed closely by reporters, radio and television newsmen from Indianapolis, Kokomo, Peru and as far away as Lima, Ohio all with cameras and tape recorders drawn.

Neighbors screamed at children to get inside and then eyes peered from the living room windows at No. 1037, the home of Tom and Jeanne Harrison.

The law enforcement officers swarmed to the area after Harrison, calling from the service station he operates, told police someone might be hiding in the garage at home.

With an airline hijacker missing somewhere in the Peru area, the call got substantially more than the usual response.

"Whhooee, I've had all the neighbors calling," Mrs. Harrison told a newsman. "It started when my husband got up at 5 a.m. and let our Scottish terrier, Scotty, outside.

"The dog's hair bristled and he was growling in the garage," she said.

But Harrison found nothing and left for work.

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